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Introduction

The tables in this bulletin summarize the NCS results for the New Orleans, LA, metropolitan area. Data were collected between September 2000 and October 2001; the average reference month is March 2001. Tabulations provide information on earnings of workers in a variety of occupations and at different work levels. Also contained in this bulletin are information on the program, a technical note describing survey procedures, and several appendixes with detailed information on occupational classifications and the occupational leveling methodology.

NCS products

The Bureau's National Compensation Survey provides data on occupational wages and employee benefits for localities, broad geographic regions, and the Nation as a whole. The Employment Cost Index, a quarterly measure of the change in employer costs for wages and benefits, is derived from the NCS. Another product, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation, measures employers' average hourly costs for total compensation, that is, wages and benefits. Still another NCS product measures the incidence of benefit plans and their provisions. This bulletin is limited to data on occupational wages and salaries.

About the tables

The tables that follow present data on straight-time occupational earnings, which include wages and salaries, incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. These earnings exclude premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. About 480 detailed occupations are used to describe all occupations in the civilian nonfarm economy (excluding the Federal Government and private households). Data are not shown for any occupations if they would raise concerns about the confidentiality of the survey respondents or if the data are insufficient to support reliable estimates.

Table 1-1 presents an overview of all tables in this bulletin. Mean hourly earnings, weekly hours, and relative standard errors are given for all industries, private industry, and State and local government for selected worker and establishment characteristics. The worker characteristics include major occupational group, full-time or part-time status, union or nonunion status, and time or incentive pay. Establishment characteristics include goods and service producing and size of establishment.

Table 2-1 presents estimates of mean hourly earnings, and the relative standard errors associated with them, for detailed occupations within all industries, private industry, and State and local government. Table 2-2 presents the same type of information for full-time workers only. Table 2-3 provides similar data for workers designated as part-time.

Table 3-1 provides mean weekly earnings data, with relative standard errors, and weekly hours for full-time employees in specific occupations across all industries, private industry, and State and local government. Table 3-2 provides annual earnings, relative standard errors, and annual hours for full-time employees in specific occupations.

Table 4-1 provides mean hourly earnings data by work level for occupational groups and for detailed occupations. Separate data are also shown for private industry and government workers. Table 4-2 provides work level data for full-time workers. Table 4-3 provides similar data for workers designated as part-time.

Table 5-1 presents mean hourly earnings data for selected worker characteristics by major occupational groups. The worker characteristics include full-time or part-time designation, union or nonunion status, and time or incentive pay. Table 5-2 presents mean hourly earnings data for major industry divisions by occupational groups; these estimates are limited to the private sector. Table 5-3 presents mean hourly earnings data for establishment employment sizes by major occupational groups within the private sector.

Tables 6-1 through 6-5 present hourly wage percentiles that describe the distribution of hourly earnings for each published occupation. Data are provided for the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles for detailed occupations within all industries, private industry, State and local government, full-time workers, and part-time workers. These iterations correspond to those presented in tables 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3. For each published occupation, these percentiles relate to the average hourly earnings of jobs surveyed in establishments. The percentiles do not relate to the hourly earnings of individual workers in these establishment jobs.

Appendix table 1 provides the number of workers represented by the survey by major occupational group. The employment estimates relate to all employers in the area, rather than just to those surveyed.

Table 1-1. **Summary: Mean hourly earnings¹ and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Worker and establishment characteristics	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³	Hourly earnings		Mean weekly hours ³
	Mean	Relative error ² (percent)		Mean	Relative error ² (percent)		Mean	Relative error ² (percent)	
Total	\$14.94	3.6	37.5	\$14.91	5.0	37.3	\$15.01	3.0	38.1
Worker characteristics:⁴									
White-collar occupations ⁵	18.19	4.2	37.2	18.59	6.3	36.9	17.56	3.7	37.7
Professional specialty and technical	22.04	3.9	36.4	24.02	6.4	35.5	20.11	3.5	37.3
Executive, administrative, and managerial	27.92	6.9	39.1	28.99	8.8	39.9	25.68	9.4	37.7
Sales	11.27	9.9	35.6	11.34	10.1	35.5	—	—	—
Administrative support	11.10	3.3	37.8	11.60	4.1	37.5	10.18	5.3	38.3
Blue-collar occupations ⁵	13.97	4.2	39.9	14.38	4.7	40.1	11.57	4.6	38.4
Precision production, craft, and repair	17.62	4.9	39.8	18.54	5.3	40.0	13.25	4.9	39.2
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.45	7.1	39.3	12.52	7.5	39.3	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.41	4.4	43.0	12.42	4.9	44.3	12.32	7.0	34.9
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.67	7.9	38.0	9.92	9.0	37.9	8.55	9.8	38.7
Service occupations ⁵	7.95	5.2	34.4	7.18	7.1	32.6	9.62	4.4	39.2
Full time	15.49	3.6	39.8	15.67	4.9	40.0	15.08	3.1	39.3
Part time	8.07	9.1	21.9	7.07	9.5	21.8	13.41	13.9	22.3
Union	15.66	5.6	39.8	15.61	6.3	39.9	15.92	11.8	39.2
Nonunion	14.87	4.0	37.3	14.83	5.6	37.0	14.96	3.1	38.0
Time	14.78	3.4	37.4	14.68	4.8	37.1	15.01	3.0	38.1
Incentive	18.77	22.3	39.4	18.77	22.3	39.4	—	—	—
Establishment characteristics:									
Goods producing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	18.60	7.4	39.9	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
Service producing	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)	—	—	—	(⁶)	(⁶)	(⁶)
50-99 workers ⁷	10.45	9.7	34.8	10.44	10.0	34.5	10.58	9.8	43.1
100-499 workers	13.87	6.6	37.4	13.94	7.0	37.3	12.57	6.2	38.9
500 workers or more	16.71	4.4	38.1	18.48	7.8	38.3	15.27	3.2	38.0

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

³ Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

⁴ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining. Wages of time workers are based solely on

hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

⁵ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

⁶ Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-producing industries applies to private industry only.

⁷ Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria.

Table 2-1. **Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$14.94	3.6	\$14.91	5.0	\$15.01	3.0
All excluding sales	15.09	3.7	15.11	5.1	15.03	3.0
White collar	18.19	4.2	18.59	6.3	17.56	3.7
White collar excluding sales	18.81	4.2	19.67	6.4	17.61	3.7
Professional specialty and technical	22.04	3.9	24.02	6.4	20.11	3.5
Professional specialty	24.43	4.1	27.54	6.8	21.91	3.6
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	32.42	7.2	32.74	7.0	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	32.39	6.1	32.39	6.1	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	28.32	23.2	28.32	23.2	—	—
Health related	21.36	3.9	19.66	3.1	22.91	5.9
Registered nurses	21.16	3.8	19.90	2.8	22.29	6.3
Teachers, college and university	31.03	10.1	42.58	9.1	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	23.26	5.3	—	—	24.59	2.4
Elementary school teachers	25.49	1.2	—	—	25.49	1.2
Secondary school teachers	26.04	1.7	—	—	26.04	1.7
Teachers, special education	19.41	10.8	—	—	22.11	4.8
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.08	7.8	—	—	12.04	1.6
Social workers	13.31	8.2	—	—	12.18	1.2
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	19.51	7.0	—	—	—	—
Technical	15.64	6.3	17.18	8.6	13.15	5.3
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.97	12.4	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	17.21	2.2	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	13.06	2.8	13.34	3.3	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	13.84	6.6	—	—	12.89	5.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial	27.92	6.9	28.99	8.8	25.68	9.4
Executives, administrators, and managers	28.74	9.0	29.92	13.0	27.15	11.0
Administrators and officials, public administration	33.33	14.7	—	—	34.24	19.5
Administrators, education and related fields	29.86	8.6	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	36.98	15.5	37.35	15.5	—	—
Management related	26.96	10.8	28.21	12.1	22.15	14.0
Accountants and auditors	24.97	7.1	27.07	4.3	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	21.78	19.7	19.44	20.8	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	32.06	17.3	33.44	21.1	—	—
Sales	11.27	9.9	11.34	10.1	—	—
Cashiers	6.99	5.9	6.91	6.1	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.10	3.3	11.60	4.1	10.18	5.3
Supervisors, general office	15.21	11.8	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	12.55	5.1	13.65	5.9	10.88	5.8
Receptionists	7.82	8.3	7.73	11.9	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	10.21	19.2	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.18	7.8	11.45	8.0	—	—
Billing clerks	9.49	7.9	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	8.80	8.1	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.21	8.2	11.85	13.4	9.31	8.5
Administrative support, n.e.c.	11.27	5.5	—	—	10.24	7.4
Blue collar	13.97	4.2	14.38	4.7	11.57	4.6
Precision production, craft, and repair	17.62	4.9	18.54	5.3	13.25	4.9
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	28.57	24.8	35.27	14.7	—	—
Automobile mechanics	14.56	10.2	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.92	6.5	15.96	7.8	12.35	6.0
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	22.63	13.6	—	—	—	—
Electricians	15.21	4.9	15.46	5.7	—	—
Supervisors, production	26.33	9.5	26.92	9.6	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-1. **Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Precision production, craft, and repair —Continued						
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	\$11.50	13.8	—	—	\$11.50	13.8
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors						
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	12.45	7.1	\$12.52	7.5	—	—
Welders and cutters	12.40	4.6	12.41	4.6	—	—
.....	15.10	4.1	15.10	4.1	—	—
Transportation and material moving						
Truck drivers	12.41	4.4	12.42	4.9	12.32	7.0
Bus drivers	11.30	15.2	11.62	18.7	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	13.82	3.2	—	—	13.65	8.0
.....	12.19	6.3	12.29	6.3	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers						
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	9.67	7.9	9.92	9.0	8.55	9.8
Helpers, construction trades	7.14	5.0	—	—	7.78	4.1
Construction laborers	8.85	6.4	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	8.09	7.7	—	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	9.75	14.5	9.75	14.5	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	10.69	21.2	—	—	—	—
.....	10.99	11.8	11.08	11.7	—	—
Service						
Protective service	7.95	5.2	7.18	7.1	9.62	4.4
Supervisors, police and detectives	10.51	5.7	9.91	13.5	10.81	4.9
Firefighting	16.45	2.0	—	—	16.45	2.0
Police and detectives, public service	10.97	14.1	—	—	9.23	5.5
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	12.68	4.2	—	—	12.96	3.7
Correctional institution officers	9.80	13.7	—	—	9.80	13.7
Guards and police, except public service	9.06	6.0	—	—	9.06	6.0
Food service	8.11	5.2	7.93	6.2	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	5.85	6.0	5.63	6.3	9.80	4.3
Waiters and waitresses	3.94	15.2	3.94	15.2	—	—
Other food service	3.34	17.2	3.34	17.2	—	—
Cooks	6.98	6.5	6.73	6.5	9.80	4.3
Food preparation, n.e.c.	8.18	6.5	7.79	6.9	—	—
Health service	6.84	9.8	6.77	9.8	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	8.01	8.8	7.27	11.0	8.76	9.3
Cleaning and building service	7.29	6.8	6.86	9.8	7.78	3.3
Janitors and cleaners	6.95	5.9	6.86	7.2	7.25	6.6
Personal service	7.04	5.4	6.91	6.8	7.17	8.5
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	9.65	23.4	10.20	25.6	—	—
.....	7.42	9.7	—	—	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

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Table 2-2. **Mean hourly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$15.49	3.6	\$15.67	4.9	\$15.08	3.1
All excluding sales	15.62	3.6	15.86	5.0	15.10	3.1
White collar	18.58	4.2	19.24	6.3	17.57	3.8
White collar excluding sales	19.11	4.3	20.22	6.5	17.62	3.8
Professional specialty and technical	22.18	4.1	24.22	6.6	20.17	3.6
Professional specialty	24.66	4.4	27.92	7.0	22.00	3.8
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	32.42	7.2	32.74	7.0	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	32.39	6.1	32.39	6.1	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	28.32	23.2	28.32	23.2	—	—
Health related	21.20	4.3	19.17	2.5	22.91	6.4
Registered nurses	20.99	4.2	19.49	2.6	22.23	6.8
Teachers, college and university	31.03	10.1	42.58	9.1	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	23.36	5.6	—	—	24.81	2.4
Elementary school teachers	25.34	1.1	—	—	25.34	1.1
Secondary school teachers	26.04	1.7	—	—	26.04	1.7
Teachers, special education	19.92	11.3	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.08	7.8	—	—	12.04	1.6
Social workers	13.31	8.2	—	—	12.18	1.2
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	20.17	7.0	—	—	—	—
Technical	15.72	6.5	17.21	8.8	13.32	5.3
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.97	12.4	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	17.23	2.3	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	13.06	2.8	13.34	3.3	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	13.76	7.0	—	—	12.89	5.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial	28.03	6.9	28.99	8.8	25.98	9.4
Executives, administrators, and managers	28.92	9.1	29.92	13.0	27.55	11.1
Administrators and officials, public administration	33.33	14.7	—	—	34.24	19.5
Administrators, education and related fields	29.86	8.6	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	36.98	15.5	37.35	15.5	—	—
Management related	26.99	10.8	28.21	12.1	22.25	14.2
Accountants and auditors	24.97	7.1	27.07	4.3	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	21.78	19.7	19.44	20.8	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	32.26	17.3	33.44	21.1	—	—
Sales	12.07	9.0	12.17	9.1	—	—
Cashiers	7.45	5.2	7.38	5.6	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.34	3.4	12.01	4.3	10.21	5.3
Supervisors, general office	15.21	11.8	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	12.69	5.2	13.98	6.0	10.88	5.8
Receptionists	8.11	9.2	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	10.21	19.2	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.18	7.8	11.45	8.0	—	—
Billing clerks	9.49	7.9	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	8.80	8.1	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.34	8.4	11.85	13.4	9.47	8.7
Administrative support, n.e.c.	11.27	5.5	—	—	10.24	7.4
Blue collar	14.10	4.2	14.55	4.8	11.54	4.7
Precision production, craft, and repair	17.69	4.9	18.62	5.3	13.28	4.9
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	28.57	24.8	35.27	14.7	—	—
Automobile mechanics	14.56	10.2	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.92	6.5	15.96	7.8	12.35	6.0
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	22.63	13.6	—	—	—	—
Electricians	15.21	4.9	15.46	5.7	—	—
Supervisors, production	26.33	9.5	26.92	9.6	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2-2. **Mean hourly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Precision production, craft, and repair —Continued						
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	\$11.93	15.4	—	—	\$11.93	15.4
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors						
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	12.52	7.1	\$12.59	7.5	—	—
Welders and cutters	12.52	4.5	12.54	4.5	—	—
.....	15.10	4.1	15.10	4.1	—	—
Transportation and material moving						
Truck drivers	12.42	4.5	12.46	5.0	11.98	7.6
Bus drivers	11.30	15.2	11.62	18.7	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	13.65	3.0	—	—	—	—
.....	12.19	6.3	12.29	6.3	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers						
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	9.82	8.0	10.12	9.0	8.56	9.8
Helpers, construction trades	7.13	5.0	—	—	7.78	4.2
Construction laborers	8.85	6.4	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	8.17	7.4	—	—	—	—
.....	10.99	11.8	11.08	11.7	—	—
Service						
Protective service	8.68	5.9	8.01	8.8	9.80	4.3
Supervisors, police and detectives	10.81	4.9	10.65	11.9	10.87	4.9
Firefighting	16.45	2.0	—	—	16.45	2.0
Police and detectives, public service	10.97	14.1	—	—	9.23	5.5
Correctional institution officers	12.68	4.2	—	—	12.96	3.7
Guards and police, except public service	9.06	6.0	—	—	9.06	6.0
Food service	8.50	3.3	8.44	3.7	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	7.18	7.7	6.88	8.2	9.80	4.3
Other food service	5.37	4.4	5.37	4.4	—	—
Cooks	8.27	6.9	7.97	8.1	9.80	4.3
Food preparation, n.e.c.	7.97	7.6	7.42	7.7	—	—
Health service	8.71	10.0	8.68	10.8	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.95	9.9	—	—	8.81	9.4
Cleaning and building service	7.26	7.2	—	—	7.82	3.3
Janitors and cleaners	6.93	5.9	6.86	7.2	7.18	6.8
Personal service	6.98	5.5	6.91	6.8	7.06	8.8
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	10.16	25.1	10.20	25.6	—	—
.....	8.03	10.1	—	—	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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Table 2-3. **Mean hourly earnings,¹ part-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$8.07	9.1	\$7.07	9.5	\$13.41	13.9
All excluding sales	8.22	9.4	7.17	10.2	13.41	13.9
White collar	11.84	12.9	10.18	15.1	17.21	12.8
White collar excluding sales	13.16	11.0	11.51	14.1	17.21	12.8
Professional specialty and technical	19.36	7.8	19.84	10.1	18.96	11.4
Professional specialty	20.60	7.2	—	—	20.41	9.4
Health related	22.74	4.3	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses	22.48	4.6	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	—	—	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management related	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	8.04	8.3	8.12	8.6	—	—
Blue collar	8.29	9.7	7.53	7.5	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	—	—	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	7.31	9.0	7.30	9.2	—	—
Service	5.27	7.1	5.04	7.5	7.26	16.3
Protective service	7.53	18.9	—	—	—	—
Food service	4.51	7.1	4.51	7.1	—	—
Other food service	5.70	7.0	5.70	7.0	—	—
Health service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Personal service	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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Table 3-1. **Mean weekly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
All	\$616	3.5	39.8	\$627	4.8	40.0	\$592	3.1	39.3
All excluding sales	622	3.5	39.8	635	4.9	40.0	593	3.1	39.3
White collar	730	4.3	39.3	765	6.3	39.7	680	3.8	38.7
White collar excluding sales	750	4.3	39.3	803	6.5	39.7	681	3.8	38.7
Professional specialty and technical	871	4.2	39.3	962	6.7	39.7	783	3.6	38.8
Professional specialty	964	4.4	39.1	1,110	7.1	39.7	849	3.7	38.6
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	1,296	7.2	40.0	1,309	7.0	40.0	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	1,296	6.1	40.0	1,296	6.1	40.0	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	1,110	24.8	39.2	1,110	24.8	39.2	—	—	—
Health related	851	4.3	40.1	761	2.2	39.7	927	6.3	40.5
Registered nurses	845	4.2	40.3	776	2.3	39.8	903	6.8	40.6
Teachers, college and university	1,223	10.2	39.4	1,634	10.5	38.4	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	848	4.7	36.3	—	—	—	889	2.6	35.8
Elementary school teachers ...	903	1.5	35.6	—	—	—	903	1.5	35.6
Secondary school teachers	934	1.4	35.9	—	—	—	934	1.4	35.9
Teachers, special education ...	730	8.3	36.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	518	8.0	39.6	—	—	—	476	2.3	39.5
Social workers	526	8.4	39.5	—	—	—	481	2.2	39.5
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	807	7.0	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	624	6.5	39.7	683	8.9	39.7	529	5.4	39.7
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	559	12.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	689	2.3	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	522	2.8	40.0	534	3.3	40.0	—	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	542	6.4	39.4	—	—	—	515	5.9	40.0
Executive, administrative, and managerial	1,102	7.0	39.3	1,156	8.8	39.9	994	9.4	38.3
Executives, administrators, and managers	1,138	9.1	39.4	1,192	13.2	39.8	1,067	10.9	38.7
Administrators and officials, public administration	1,331	14.6	39.9	—	—	—	1,366	19.5	39.9
Administrators, education and related fields	1,089	8.8	36.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	1,478	15.5	40.0	1,492	15.5	40.0	—	—	—
Management related	1,061	11.0	39.3	1,126	12.1	39.9	827	14.1	37.2
Accountants and auditors	971	8.5	38.9	1,081	4.3	39.9	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	855	18.7	39.3	778	20.8	40.0	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	1,267	17.8	39.3	1,332	21.3	39.8	—	—	—
Sales	481	8.9	39.8	485	9.0	39.8	—	—	—
Cashiers	298	5.2	40.0	295	5.6	40.0	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	445	3.4	39.2	476	4.3	39.6	394	5.4	38.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-1. **Mean weekly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical —Continued									
Supervisors, general office	\$579	14.3	38.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	496	5.3	39.1	\$552	6.0	39.5	\$420	5.7	38.6
Receptionists	324	9.2	39.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	407	19.3	39.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	445	7.9	39.8	456	8.2	39.8	—	—	—
Billing clerks	379	7.9	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	352	8.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	398	8.8	38.5	472	13.4	39.8	357	9.3	37.7
Administrative support, n.e.c.	445	5.5	39.5	—	—	—	399	6.4	39.0
Blue collar	571	4.1	40.5	594	4.5	40.8	449	4.8	38.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	706	4.9	39.9	745	5.3	40.0	524	4.6	39.5
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	1,143	24.8	40.0	1,411	14.7	40.0	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	582	10.2	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	592	6.7	39.7	638	7.8	40.0	480	6.8	38.8
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	905	13.6	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricians	608	4.9	40.0	618	5.7	40.0	—	—	—
Supervisors, production	1,053	9.5	40.0	1,077	9.6	40.0	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	477	15.4	40.0	—	—	—	477	15.4	40.0
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	495	7.8	39.6	498	8.2	39.6	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	501	4.5	40.0	501	4.5	40.0	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	604	4.1	40.0	604	4.1	40.0	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	544	5.6	43.8	558	5.6	44.8	438	8.4	36.6
Truck drivers	442	13.6	39.2	455	16.7	39.2	—	—	—
Bus drivers	498	8.3	36.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	487	6.3	40.0	492	6.3	40.0	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	390	8.1	39.8	404	9.0	40.0	333	10.5	39.0
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	269	5.2	37.7	—	—	—	267	11.0	34.4
Helpers, construction trades ..	354	6.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Construction laborers	327	7.4	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	440	11.8	40.0	443	11.7	40.0	—	—	—
Service	345	5.8	39.7	309	7.9	38.6	409	4.7	41.7
Protective service	453	5.6	41.9	406	13.9	38.1	476	4.9	43.8
Supervisors, police and detectives	695	3.0	42.2	—	—	—	695	3.0	42.2
Firefighting	549	9.9	50.0	—	—	—	485	5.7	52.6
Police and detectives, public service	528	4.4	41.6	—	—	—	541	3.6	41.8
Correctional institution officers	377	5.4	41.6	—	—	—	377	5.4	41.6
Guards and police, except public service	323	6.0	38.0	310	7.6	36.7	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-1. **Mean weekly earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵	Weekly earnings		Mean weekly hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
Service—Continued									
Food service	\$285	7.6	39.7	\$275	8.2	40.0	\$361	4.3	36.9
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	215	4.4	40.0	215	4.4	40.0	—	—	—
Other food service	326	6.7	39.4	319	8.1	40.0	361	4.3	36.9
Cooks	316	7.4	39.7	297	7.7	40.0	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	345	10.1	39.6	347	10.8	40.0	—	—	—
Health service	314	9.7	39.6	—	—	—	350	9.5	39.7
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	287	7.0	39.5	—	—	—	310	3.5	39.6
Cleaning and building service	271	7.7	39.0	266	9.4	38.8	285	6.8	39.7
Janitors and cleaners	278	5.4	39.8	277	6.8	40.0	279	8.6	39.6
Personal service	367	18.0	36.1	368	18.4	36.1	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	321	10.1	40.0	—	—	—	—	—	—

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⁵ Mean weekly hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a week, exclusive of overtime.

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Table 3-2. **Mean annual earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
All	\$31,281	3.5	2,019	\$32,477	4.8	2,072	\$28,769	3.1	1,908
All excluding sales	31,516	3.5	2,017	32,876	4.9	2,072	28,803	3.1	1,908
White collar	36,410	4.3	1,959	39,380	6.3	2,047	32,325	3.8	1,839
White collar excluding sales	37,284	4.3	1,951	41,307	6.5	2,043	32,391	3.8	1,838
Professional specialty and technical	41,610	4.2	1,876	48,707	6.7	2,011	35,489	3.6	1,759
Professional specialty	44,698	4.4	1,812	55,398	7.1	1,984	37,239	3.7	1,693
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	67,412	7.2	2,079	68,060	7.0	2,079	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	67,388	6.1	2,081	67,388	6.1	2,081	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	57,703	24.8	2,038	57,703	24.8	2,038	—	—	—
Health related	44,227	4.3	2,087	39,576	2.2	2,065	48,226	6.3	2,105
Registered nurses	43,931	4.2	2,093	40,347	2.3	2,070	46,967	6.8	2,113
Teachers, college and university	48,550	10.2	1,565	63,282	10.5	1,486	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	32,614	4.7	1,396	—	—	—	33,137	2.6	1,336
Elementary school teachers ...	33,142	1.5	1,308	—	—	—	33,142	1.5	1,308
Secondary school teachers	34,353	1.4	1,319	—	—	—	34,353	1.4	1,319
Teachers, special education ...	29,617	8.3	1,487	—	—	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	26,930	8.0	2,058	—	—	—	24,754	2.3	2,056
Social workers	27,369	8.4	2,056	—	—	—	25,017	2.2	2,054
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	41,950	7.0	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	32,455	6.5	2,064	35,525	8.9	2,065	27,488	5.4	2,064
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	29,055	12.4	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	35,828	2.3	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	27,166	2.8	2,080	27,746	3.3	2,080	—	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	28,199	6.4	2,049	—	—	—	26,802	5.9	2,080
Executive, administrative, and managerial	56,660	7.0	2,022	60,098	8.8	2,073	49,889	9.4	1,920
Executives, administrators, and managers	58,450	9.1	2,021	61,960	13.2	2,071	53,872	10.9	1,955
Administrators and officials, public administration	69,203	14.6	2,076	—	—	—	71,044	19.5	2,075
Administrators, education and related fields	49,905	8.8	1,671	—	—	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	76,834	15.5	2,078	77,605	15.5	2,078	—	—	—
Management related	54,594	11.0	2,023	58,528	12.1	2,075	40,992	14.1	1,842
Accountants and auditors	50,277	8.5	2,013	56,231	4.3	2,077	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	43,903	18.7	2,016	40,444	20.8	2,080	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	64,036	17.8	1,985	69,249	21.3	2,071	—	—	—
Sales	25,008	8.9	2,072	25,216	9.0	2,072	—	—	—
Cashiers	15,505	5.2	2,080	15,350	5.6	2,080	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	22,883	3.4	2,018	24,759	4.3	2,061	19,932	5.4	1,951

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-2. **Mean annual earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
White collar —Continued									
Administrative support, including clerical —Continued									
Supervisors, general office	\$30,123	14.3	1,981	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	25,519	5.3	2,010	\$28,685	6.0	2,052	\$21,252	5.7	1,954
Receptionists	16,848	9.2	2,077	—	—	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	21,139	19.3	2,070	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	23,136	7.9	2,070	23,694	8.2	2,069	—	—	—
Billing clerks	19,731	7.9	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	18,297	8.1	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	20,592	8.8	1,991	24,530	13.4	2,070	18,438	9.3	1,947
Administrative support, n.e.c.	23,158	5.5	2,056	—	—	—	20,753	6.4	2,027
Blue collar	29,617	4.1	2,100	30,886	4.5	2,122	22,855	4.8	1,981
Precision production, craft, and repair	36,706	4.9	2,074	38,744	5.3	2,080	27,181	4.6	2,047
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	59,419	24.8	2,080	73,353	14.7	2,080	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	30,285	10.2	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	30,759	6.7	2,062	33,201	7.8	2,080	24,938	6.8	2,020
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	47,066	13.6	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricians	31,640	4.9	2,080	32,160	5.7	2,080	—	—	—
Supervisors, production	54,767	9.5	2,080	55,999	9.6	2,080	—	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	24,824	15.4	2,080	—	—	—	24,824	15.4	2,080
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	25,764	7.8	2,058	25,908	8.2	2,057	—	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	26,049	4.5	2,080	26,074	4.5	2,080	—	—	—
Welders and cutters	31,408	4.1	2,080	31,408	4.1	2,080	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	27,778	5.6	2,237	29,033	5.6	2,329	19,815	8.4	1,654
Truck drivers	23,003	13.6	2,037	23,672	16.7	2,037	—	—	—
Bus drivers	22,182	8.3	1,626	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators	25,347	6.3	2,080	25,559	6.3	2,080	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	20,293	8.1	2,067	21,028	9.0	2,078	17,341	10.5	2,026
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	13,966	5.2	1,958	—	—	—	13,902	11.0	1,787
Helpers, construction trades	18,412	6.4	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Construction laborers	17,001	7.4	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	22,861	11.8	2,080	23,053	11.7	2,080	—	—	—
Service	17,713	5.8	2,041	16,044	7.9	2,003	20,646	4.7	2,108
Protective service	23,533	5.6	2,178	21,103	13.9	1,981	24,710	4.9	2,273
Supervisors, police and detectives	36,140	3.0	2,197	—	—	—	36,140	3.0	2,197
Firefighting	28,546	9.9	2,602	—	—	—	25,218	5.7	2,733
Police and detectives, public service	27,436	4.4	2,165	—	—	—	28,145	3.6	2,171
Correctional institution officers	19,582	5.4	2,161	—	—	—	19,582	5.4	2,161
Guards and police, except public service	16,696	6.0	1,965	16,111	7.6	1,908	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3-2. **Mean annual earnings,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Total			Private industry			State and local government		
	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵	Annual earnings		Mean annual hours ⁵
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)		Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	
Service —Continued									
Food service	\$14,133	7.6	1,967	\$14,317	8.2	2,080	\$13,108	4.3	1,338
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	11,168	4.4	2,080	11,168	4.4	2,080	—	—	—
Other food service	15,755	6.7	1,906	16,568	8.1	2,080	13,108	4.3	1,338
Cooks	15,191	7.4	1,906	15,430	7.7	2,080	—	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	17,389	10.1	1,996	18,045	10.8	2,080	—	—	—
Health service	16,353	9.7	2,058	—	—	—	18,200	9.5	2,066
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	14,912	7.0	2,054	—	—	—	16,115	3.5	2,061
Cleaning and building service	14,047	7.7	2,027	13,847	9.4	2,019	14,712	6.8	2,050
Janitors and cleaners	14,381	5.4	2,059	14,381	6.8	2,080	14,381	8.6	2,036
Personal service	18,935	18.0	1,864	18,956	18.4	1,859	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	16,708	10.1	2,080	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time annual wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to

cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

⁵ Mean annual hours are the hours an employee is scheduled to work in a year, exclusive of overtime.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All	\$14.94	3.6	\$14.91	5.0	\$15.01	3.0
All excluding sales	15.09	3.7	15.11	5.1	15.03	3.0
White collar	18.19	4.2	18.59	6.3	17.56	3.7
1	7.32	3.1	7.16	3.1	7.69	7.8
2	8.30	4.3	8.09	5.2	8.70	7.4
3	10.08	4.7	10.68	5.5	8.79	3.8
4	11.08	3.9	11.15	4.2	10.94	8.1
5	16.61	9.8	16.30	15.8	17.12	6.5
6	16.62	4.2	17.08	4.0	15.58	9.8
7	18.81	5.4	19.99	5.8	16.97	10.6
8	21.20	3.8	21.18	7.9	21.21	3.9
9	25.54	5.5	27.81	7.6	22.59	5.7
10	30.95	11.7	32.07	14.3	29.41	19.1
11	31.67	6.0	33.72	4.6	25.15	10.5
12	38.40	5.2	39.73	5.9	—	—
13	47.61	4.5	49.88	3.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	19.79	20.6	—	—	23.19	26.1
White collar excluding sales	18.81	4.2	19.67	6.4	17.61	3.7
1	7.38	5.5	—	—	7.54	9.0
2	8.68	4.1	8.66	4.5	8.70	7.4
3	10.08	4.7	10.68	5.5	8.79	3.8
4	10.68	4.1	10.51	3.8	10.94	8.1
5	16.96	11.0	16.84	18.6	17.12	6.5
6	16.54	4.4	16.99	4.2	15.58	9.8
7	18.80	5.8	20.10	6.3	16.97	10.6
8	21.20	3.8	21.18	7.9	21.21	3.9
9	25.48	5.6	27.74	7.8	22.59	5.7
10	30.95	11.7	32.07	14.3	29.41	19.1
11	31.67	6.0	33.72	4.6	25.15	10.5
12	38.40	5.2	39.73	5.9	—	—
13	47.61	4.5	49.88	3.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	19.79	20.6	—	—	23.19	26.1
Professional specialty and technical	22.04	3.9	24.02	6.4	20.11	3.5
Professional specialty	24.43	4.1	27.54	6.8	21.91	3.6
5	19.89	8.0	14.81	10.4	23.01	5.7
6	17.19	8.1	—	—	—	—
7	18.20	12.7	29.82	2.4	15.59	12.5
8	21.66	4.3	21.64	11.6	21.66	4.2
9	24.81	4.8	26.41	8.0	23.91	5.8
10	33.25	15.3	—	—	—	—
11	31.35	8.1	33.26	6.2	—	—
12	41.40	3.2	41.28	4.4	—	—
Not able to be leveled	16.79	6.3	—	—	—	—
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	32.42	7.2	32.74	7.0	—	—
9	26.96	7.7	26.96	7.7	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	32.39	6.1	32.39	6.1	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	28.32	23.2	28.32	23.2	—	—
Health related	21.36	3.9	19.66	3.1	22.91	5.9
8	20.46	2.9	20.03	6.1	—	—
9	24.82	5.2	—	—	25.18	5.3
Registered nurses	21.16	3.8	19.90	2.8	22.29	6.3
8	20.46	2.9	20.03	6.1	—	—
9	22.58	3.3	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	31.03	10.1	42.58	9.1	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	23.26	5.3	—	—	24.59	2.4
5	21.29	10.5	—	—	24.41	2.9
8	25.21	1.3	—	—	25.21	1.3
Elementary school teachers	25.49	1.2	—	—	25.49	1.2
8	25.14	1.5	—	—	25.14	1.5
Secondary school teachers	26.04	1.7	—	—	26.04	1.7
Teachers, special education	19.41	10.8	—	—	22.11	4.8
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
White collar —Continued						
Professional specialty and technical —Continued						
Professional specialty —Continued						
Social, recreation, and religious workers	\$13.08	7.8	—	—	\$12.04	1.6
Social workers	13.31	8.2	—	—	12.18	1.2
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	19.51	7.0	—	—	—	—
Technical	15.64	6.3	\$17.18	8.6	13.15	5.3
4	12.16	5.8	—	—	—	—
5	13.60	5.3	—	—	—	—
6	15.85	4.9	16.09	6.8	15.33	7.1
8	16.33	6.8	—	—	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.97	12.4	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	17.21	2.2	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	13.06	2.8	13.34	3.3	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	13.84	6.6	—	—	12.89	5.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial	27.92	6.9	28.99	8.8	25.68	9.4
6	17.66	10.1	16.41	8.3	19.08	18.0
7	22.12	10.3	20.29	7.9	—	—
8	21.69	13.4	—	—	—	—
9	27.32	9.6	28.84	11.2	22.97	9.4
11	31.45	5.3	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	37.29	23.0	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers	28.74	9.0	29.92	13.0	27.15	11.0
6	16.57	5.0	—	—	—	—
9	24.98	5.1	25.37	6.5	24.23	7.2
11	31.40	5.9	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	37.29	23.0	—	—	—	—
Administrators and officials, public administration	33.33	14.7	—	—	34.24	19.5
Administrators, education and related fields	29.86	8.6	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	36.98	15.5	37.35	15.5	—	—
Management related	26.96	10.8	28.21	12.1	22.15	14.0
6	18.72	17.7	—	—	—	—
7	20.29	7.9	20.29	7.9	—	—
9	29.84	17.0	31.82	17.4	—	—
Accountants and auditors	24.97	7.1	27.07	4.3	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	21.78	19.7	19.44	20.8	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	32.06	17.3	33.44	21.1	—	—
Sales	11.27	9.9	11.34	10.1	—	—
Cashiers	6.99	5.9	6.91	6.1	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.10	3.3	11.60	4.1	10.18	5.3
1	7.38	5.5	—	—	7.54	9.0
2	8.70	4.3	8.66	4.7	8.75	8.0
3	10.23	5.0	10.80	5.6	8.88	4.5
4	10.50	4.5	10.22	3.9	10.93	9.2
5	12.24	5.3	12.80	6.1	10.19	2.8
6	15.85	9.4	18.21	6.4	11.42	6.2
7	18.33	6.8	—	—	15.59	12.7
Supervisors, general office	15.21	11.8	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	12.55	5.1	13.65	5.9	10.88	5.8
4	10.77	7.3	—	—	—	—
5	12.72	7.2	—	—	—	—
Receptionists	7.82	8.3	7.73	11.9	—	—
2	8.02	10.0	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	10.21	19.2	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.18	7.8	11.45	8.0	—	—
4	10.25	4.4	10.57	3.8	—	—
Billing clerks	9.49	7.9	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	8.80	8.1	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
White collar —Continued						
Administrative support, including clerical —Continued						
General office clerks	\$10.21	8.2	\$11.85	13.4	\$9.31	8.5
3	9.04	5.2	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	11.27	5.5	—	—	10.24	7.4
Blue collar	13.97	4.2	14.38	4.7	11.57	4.6
1	7.67	5.7	7.84	6.1	6.77	4.8
2	9.67	7.8	9.57	9.2	10.20	8.8
3	10.77	5.7	10.89	6.3	10.04	8.4
4	12.12	5.0	12.28	5.7	11.21	3.8
5	14.98	4.6	14.95	4.8	15.20	15.0
6	17.34	5.4	17.35	5.5	—	—
7	17.61	7.3	19.16	7.8	13.31	4.4
8	23.99	6.2	24.87	5.8	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	17.62	4.9	18.54	5.3	13.25	4.9
3	10.06	8.3	—	—	11.00	2.3
4	10.08	6.9	—	—	—	—
5	14.95	7.0	14.70	7.0	16.86	21.5
6	18.01	5.7	18.03	5.9	—	—
7	17.46	8.5	19.04	9.3	13.21	5.0
8	24.31	5.8	25.26	5.1	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	28.57	24.8	35.27	14.7	—	—
Automobile mechanics	14.56	10.2	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.92	6.5	15.96	7.8	12.35	6.0
7	15.54	9.8	16.82	12.3	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	22.63	13.6	—	—	—	—
Electricians	15.21	4.9	15.46	5.7	—	—
Supervisors, production	26.33	9.5	26.92	9.6	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.50	13.8	—	—	11.50	13.8
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.45	7.1	12.52	7.5	—	—
2	8.69	15.5	8.69	15.5	—	—
3	10.40	8.9	10.40	8.9	—	—
4	13.28	4.3	13.82	3.5	—	—
7	18.55	7.2	19.30	5.5	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	12.40	4.6	12.41	4.6	—	—
3	10.62	7.5	10.62	7.5	—	—
Welders and cutters	15.10	4.1	15.10	4.1	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.41	4.4	12.42	4.9	12.32	7.0
2	13.88	7.1	—	—	13.22	13.7
3	11.29	5.4	11.32	6.2	11.15	4.3
4	12.48	7.4	12.62	7.5	—	—
Truck drivers	11.30	15.2	11.62	18.7	—	—
Bus drivers	13.82	3.2	—	—	13.65	8.0
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	12.19	6.3	12.29	6.3	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.67	7.9	9.92	9.0	8.55	9.8
1	7.13	3.8	7.26	4.6	6.64	4.7
2	9.32	2.8	9.42	3.5	—	—
3	10.52	11.4	11.02	11.4	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	7.14	5.0	—	—	7.78	4.1
Helpers, construction trades	8.85	6.4	—	—	—	—
Construction laborers	8.09	7.7	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	9.75	14.5	9.75	14.5	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	10.69	21.2	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	10.99	11.8	11.08	11.7	—	—
1	7.54	1.4	—	—	—	—
Service	7.95	5.2	7.18	7.1	9.62	4.4
1	6.03	3.8	5.97	4.0	6.70	9.3
2	6.59	4.3	6.07	4.7	7.90	4.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-1. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² all workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Service—Continued						
3	\$7.39	7.7	\$6.84	13.9	\$8.05	3.9
4	8.82	9.0	8.25	12.0	10.24	6.9
5	11.13	14.3	—	—	9.49	4.5
6	12.81	7.1	—	—	12.85	7.3
7	21.42	28.7	—	—	14.01	2.4
8	16.18	9.2	—	—	—	—
Protective service	10.51	5.7	9.91	13.5	10.81	4.9
2	8.17	2.4	—	—	8.07	4.3
3	9.36	8.7	—	—	8.16	8.8
5	11.27	14.9	—	—	9.47	4.6
6	12.01	6.0	—	—	12.01	6.0
7	14.01	2.4	—	—	14.01	2.4
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.45	2.0	—	—	16.45	2.0
Firefighting	10.97	14.1	—	—	9.23	5.5
Police and detectives, public service	12.68	4.2	—	—	12.96	3.7
5	10.66	9.9	—	—	—	—
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	9.80	13.7	—	—	9.80	13.7
Correctional institution officers	9.06	6.0	—	—	9.06	6.0
Guards and police, except public service	8.11	5.2	7.93	6.2	—	—
Food service	5.85	6.0	5.63	6.3	9.80	4.3
1	5.33	7.5	5.33	7.5	—	—
2	5.72	6.5	5.47	5.5	—	—
3	5.69	15.8	4.78	18.1	—	—
4	7.22	18.9	7.22	18.9	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	3.94	15.2	3.94	15.2	—	—
3	4.13	21.4	4.13	21.4	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	3.34	17.2	3.34	17.2	—	—
Other food service	6.98	6.5	6.73	6.5	9.80	4.3
1	5.95	7.3	5.95	7.3	—	—
2	5.93	7.9	—	—	—	—
3	8.97	5.4	—	—	—	—
4	9.73	8.4	9.73	8.4	—	—
Cooks	8.18	6.5	7.79	6.9	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	6.84	9.8	6.77	9.8	—	—
Health service	8.01	8.8	7.27	11.0	8.76	9.3
2	6.62	6.7	—	—	—	—
3	8.45	3.8	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.29	6.8	6.86	9.8	7.78	3.3
2	6.62	6.7	—	—	—	—
3	8.45	3.8	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	6.95	5.9	6.86	7.2	7.25	6.6
1	6.36	3.8	6.33	4.0	6.49	9.2
Janitors and cleaners	7.04	5.4	6.91	6.8	7.17	8.5
1	6.74	6.8	—	—	—	—
Personal service	9.65	23.4	10.20	25.6	—	—
3	6.72	8.1	—	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	7.42	9.7	—	—	—	—

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³ All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

⁴ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and

hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

⁵ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All	\$15.49	3.6	\$15.67	4.9	\$15.08	3.1
All excluding sales	15.62	3.6	15.86	5.0	15.10	3.1
White collar	18.58	4.2	19.24	6.3	17.57	3.8
1	7.68	4.0	—	—	7.92	9.7
2	8.56	3.9	8.44	4.1	8.74	7.6
3	10.14	4.9	10.81	5.6	8.79	3.8
4	11.37	3.9	11.60	4.1	10.94	8.1
5	16.63	10.1	16.36	16.1	17.08	6.8
6	16.68	4.3	17.18	4.0	15.61	9.9
7	18.55	5.5	19.90	5.7	16.36	11.0
8	21.04	4.1	20.91	8.8	21.12	4.1
9	25.57	5.6	27.86	7.6	22.59	5.7
10	30.95	11.7	32.07	14.3	29.41	19.1
11	31.67	6.0	33.72	4.6	25.15	10.5
12	38.40	5.2	39.73	5.9	—	—
13	47.61	4.5	49.88	3.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	20.64	22.2	—	—	—	—
White collar excluding sales	19.11	4.3	20.22	6.5	17.62	3.8
1	8.09	9.3	—	—	—	—
2	8.71	4.2	8.68	4.7	8.74	7.6
3	10.14	4.9	10.81	5.6	8.79	3.8
4	11.00	4.2	11.05	3.6	10.94	8.1
5	16.99	11.4	16.93	18.9	17.08	6.8
6	16.61	4.5	17.09	4.3	15.61	9.9
7	18.53	5.9	20.01	6.3	16.36	11.0
8	21.04	4.1	20.91	8.8	21.12	4.1
9	25.50	5.6	27.79	7.8	22.59	5.7
10	30.95	11.7	32.07	14.3	29.41	19.1
11	31.67	6.0	33.72	4.6	25.15	10.5
12	38.40	5.2	39.73	5.9	—	—
13	47.61	4.5	49.88	3.5	—	—
Not able to be leveled	20.64	22.2	—	—	—	—
Professional specialty and technical	22.18	4.1	24.22	6.6	20.17	3.6
Professional specialty	24.66	4.4	27.92	7.0	22.00	3.8
5	20.37	9.0	15.13	10.5	—	—
6	17.14	8.5	16.99	8.7	—	—
7	17.24	13.0	29.61	2.4	14.45	11.8
8	21.49	4.6	21.18	14.2	21.58	4.4
9	24.86	4.8	26.59	8.1	23.91	5.8
10	33.25	15.3	—	—	—	—
11	31.35	8.1	33.26	6.2	—	—
12	41.40	3.2	41.28	4.4	—	—
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	32.42	7.2	32.74	7.0	—	—
9	26.96	7.7	26.96	7.7	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	32.39	6.1	32.39	6.1	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	28.32	23.2	28.32	23.2	—	—
Health related	21.20	4.3	19.17	2.5	22.91	6.4
8	19.73	2.4	18.86	4.6	—	—
9	24.97	5.1	—	—	25.18	5.3
Registered nurses	20.99	4.2	19.49	2.6	22.23	6.8
8	19.73	2.4	18.86	4.6	—	—
Teachers, college and university	31.03	10.1	42.58	9.1	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	23.36	5.6	—	—	24.81	2.4
5	21.66	11.8	—	—	—	—
8	25.21	1.3	—	—	25.21	1.3
Elementary school teachers	25.34	1.1	—	—	25.34	1.1
8	25.14	1.5	—	—	25.14	1.5
Secondary school teachers	26.04	1.7	—	—	26.04	1.7
Teachers, special education	19.92	11.3	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.08	7.8	—	—	12.04	1.6
Social workers	13.31	8.2	—	—	12.18	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
White collar —Continued						
Professional specialty and technical —Continued						
Professional specialty —Continued						
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	\$20.17	7.0	—	—	—	—
Technical	15.72	6.5	\$17.21	8.8	\$13.32	5.3
4	12.18	5.9	—	—	—	—
5	13.46	5.4	—	—	—	—
6	15.83	5.4	16.03	7.6	—	—
8	16.33	6.8	—	—	—	—
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	13.97	12.4	—	—	—	—
Radiological technicians	17.23	2.3	—	—	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	13.06	2.8	13.34	3.3	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	13.76	7.0	—	—	12.89	5.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial	28.03	6.9	28.99	8.8	25.98	9.4
6	17.68	10.2	16.41	8.3	19.16	18.4
7	22.12	10.3	20.29	7.9	—	—
8	21.69	13.4	—	—	—	—
9	27.32	9.6	28.84	11.2	22.97	9.4
11	31.45	5.3	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers	28.92	9.1	29.92	13.0	27.55	11.1
6	16.57	5.0	—	—	—	—
9	24.98	5.1	25.37	6.5	24.23	7.2
11	31.40	5.9	—	—	—	—
Administrators and officials, public administration	33.33	14.7	—	—	34.24	19.5
Administrators, education and related fields	29.86	8.6	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	36.98	15.5	37.35	15.5	—	—
Management related	26.99	10.8	28.21	12.1	22.25	14.2
6	18.79	18.0	—	—	—	—
7	20.29	7.9	20.29	7.9	—	—
9	29.84	17.0	31.82	17.4	—	—
Accountants and auditors	24.97	7.1	27.07	4.3	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	21.78	19.7	19.44	20.8	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	32.26	17.3	33.44	21.1	—	—
Sales	12.07	9.0	12.17	9.1	—	—
Cashiers	7.45	5.2	7.38	5.6	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.34	3.4	12.01	4.3	10.21	5.3
1	8.09	9.3	—	—	—	—
2	8.71	4.4	8.68	4.9	8.75	8.0
3	10.31	5.1	10.94	5.7	8.88	4.5
4	10.84	4.7	10.76	3.4	10.93	9.2
5	12.24	5.3	12.80	6.1	10.19	2.8
6	16.11	9.6	18.78	5.8	11.42	6.2
7	18.33	6.8	—	—	15.59	12.7
Supervisors, general office	15.21	11.8	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	12.69	5.2	13.98	6.0	10.88	5.8
4	10.77	7.3	—	—	—	—
5	12.72	7.2	—	—	—	—
Receptionists	8.11	9.2	—	—	—	—
2	8.02	10.0	—	—	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	10.21	19.2	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	11.18	7.8	11.45	8.0	—	—
4	10.25	4.4	10.57	3.8	—	—
Billing clerks	9.49	7.9	—	—	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	8.80	8.1	—	—	—	—
General office clerks	10.34	8.4	11.85	13.4	9.47	8.7
3	9.04	5.2	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	11.27	5.5	—	—	10.24	7.4

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Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Blue collar	\$14.10	4.2	\$14.55	4.8	\$11.54	4.7
1	7.75	5.8	7.95	6.1	6.77	4.8
2	9.68	8.1	9.70	9.5	9.56	6.1
3	10.82	6.0	10.95	6.7	10.02	9.0
4	12.12	5.0	12.28	5.7	11.21	3.8
5	14.98	4.6	14.95	4.8	15.20	15.0
6	17.62	5.1	17.63	5.2	—	—
7	17.61	7.3	19.16	7.8	13.31	4.4
8	23.99	6.2	24.87	5.8	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	17.69	4.9	18.62	5.3	13.28	4.9
3	10.10	8.4	—	—	11.15	2.0
4	10.08	6.9	—	—	—	—
5	14.95	7.0	14.70	7.0	16.86	21.5
6	18.38	5.3	18.41	5.4	—	—
7	17.46	8.5	19.04	9.3	13.21	5.0
8	24.31	5.8	25.26	5.1	—	—
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	28.57	24.8	35.27	14.7	—	—
Automobile mechanics	14.56	10.2	—	—	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.92	6.5	15.96	7.8	12.35	6.0
7	15.54	9.8	16.82	12.3	—	—
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	22.63	13.6	—	—	—	—
Electricians	15.21	4.9	15.46	5.7	—	—
Supervisors, production	26.33	9.5	26.92	9.6	—	—
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	11.93	15.4	—	—	11.93	15.4
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.52	7.1	12.59	7.5	—	—
2	8.69	15.5	8.69	15.5	—	—
3	10.47	9.3	10.47	9.3	—	—
4	13.28	4.3	13.82	3.5	—	—
7	18.55	7.2	19.30	5.5	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	12.52	4.5	12.54	4.5	—	—
Welders and cutters	15.10	4.1	15.10	4.1	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.42	4.5	12.46	5.0	11.98	7.6
2	13.39	8.6	—	—	—	—
3	11.29	5.5	11.32	6.2	11.07	4.8
4	12.48	7.4	12.62	7.5	—	—
Truck drivers	11.30	15.2	11.62	18.7	—	—
Bus drivers	13.65	3.0	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	12.19	6.3	12.29	6.3	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.82	8.0	10.12	9.0	8.56	9.8
1	7.18	4.0	7.35	5.0	6.64	4.7
2	9.55	3.1	9.71	3.5	—	—
3	10.63	12.6	11.17	12.6	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	7.13	5.0	—	—	7.78	4.2
Helpers, construction trades	8.85	6.4	—	—	—	—
Construction laborers	8.17	7.4	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	10.99	11.8	11.08	11.7	—	—
1	7.54	1.4	—	—	—	—
Service	8.68	5.9	8.01	8.8	9.80	4.3
1	6.49	2.9	6.46	2.9	6.76	9.6
2	6.92	4.7	6.38	3.9	7.95	4.1
3	8.00	6.1	7.60	10.7	8.51	2.8
4	10.06	4.6	10.26	6.7	9.78	5.8
5	11.15	14.4	—	—	9.47	4.6
6	12.81	7.1	—	—	12.85	7.3
7	21.42	28.7	—	—	14.01	2.4
8	16.18	9.2	—	—	—	—
Protective service	10.81	4.9	10.65	11.9	10.87	4.9
2	7.99	3.1	—	—	8.07	4.3
3	9.70	7.8	—	—	—	—
5	11.27	14.9	—	—	9.47	4.6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4-2. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² full-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
Service —Continued						
Protective service —Continued						
6	\$12.01	6.0	—	—	\$12.01	6.0
7	14.01	2.4	—	—	14.01	2.4
Supervisors, police and detectives	16.45	2.0	—	—	16.45	2.0
Firefighting	10.97	14.1	—	—	9.23	5.5
Police and detectives, public service	12.68	4.2	—	—	12.96	3.7
5	10.66	9.9	—	—	—	—
Correctional institution officers	9.06	6.0	—	—	9.06	6.0
Guards and police, except public service	8.50	3.3	\$8.44	3.7	—	—
Food service	7.18	7.7	6.88	8.2	9.80	4.3
1	6.45	5.6	6.45	5.6	—	—
3	6.68	10.1	5.75	9.1	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	5.37	4.4	5.37	4.4	—	—
Other food service	8.27	6.9	7.97	8.1	9.80	4.3
3	8.97	5.4	—	—	—	—
Cooks	7.97	7.6	7.42	7.7	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	8.71	10.0	8.68	10.8	—	—
Health service	7.95	9.9	—	—	8.81	9.4
3	8.45	3.8	—	—	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	7.26	7.2	—	—	7.82	3.3
3	8.45	3.8	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	6.93	5.9	6.86	7.2	7.18	6.8
1	6.36	3.8	6.33	4.0	6.49	9.2
Janitors and cleaners	6.98	5.5	6.91	6.8	7.06	8.8
1	6.74	6.8	—	—	—	—
Personal service	10.16	25.1	10.20	25.6	—	—
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	8.03	10.1	—	—	—	—

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Table 4-3. **Selected occupations¹ and levels,² part-time workers:³ Mean hourly earnings,⁴ private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation and level	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁵ (percent)
All	\$8.07	9.1	\$7.07	9.5	\$13.41	13.9
All excluding sales	8.22	9.4	7.17	10.2	13.41	13.9
White collar	11.84	12.9	10.18	15.1	17.21	12.8
1	6.44	1.1	—	—	—	—
Not able to be leveled	13.11	14.6	—	—	13.11	14.6
White collar excluding sales	13.16	11.0	11.51	14.1	17.21	12.8
Not able to be leveled	13.11	14.6	—	—	13.11	14.6
Professional specialty and technical	19.36	7.8	19.84	10.1	18.96	11.4
Professional specialty	20.60	7.2	—	—	20.41	9.4
Health related	22.74	4.3	—	—	—	—
Registered nurses	22.48	4.6	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	—	—	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	—	—	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Management related	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	8.04	8.3	8.12	8.6	—	—
Blue collar	8.29	9.7	7.53	7.5	—	—
3	9.62	10.9	—	—	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	—	—	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	—	—	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	7.31	9.0	7.30	9.2	—	—
Service	5.27	7.1	5.04	7.5	7.26	16.3
1	4.98	8.6	4.97	8.7	—	—
2	5.19	7.5	—	—	—	—
4	6.74	19.1	6.15	18.6	—	—
Protective service	7.53	18.9	—	—	—	—
Food service	4.51	7.1	4.51	7.1	—	—
1	4.79	9.8	4.79	9.8	—	—
Other food service	5.70	7.0	5.70	7.0	—	—
Health service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Personal service	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 5-1. **Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$15.49	\$8.07	\$15.66	\$14.87	\$14.78	\$18.77
All excluding sales	15.62	8.22	15.58	15.04	14.91	22.44
White collar	18.58	11.84	20.80	18.13	18.17	18.73
White-collar excluding sales	19.11	13.16	21.23	18.76	18.62	—
Professional specialty and technical	22.18	19.36	—	21.97	22.04	—
Professional specialty	24.66	20.60	—	24.43	24.43	—
Technical	15.72	—	—	15.64	15.64	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	28.03	—	—	27.92	27.08	—
Sales	12.07	—	—	10.86	9.89	13.37
Administrative support, including clerical	11.34	8.04	—	11.01	11.07	—
Blue collar	14.10	8.29	16.04	13.52	13.67	18.82
Precision production, craft, and repair	17.69	—	18.22	17.47	17.09	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.52	—	14.58	11.68	12.59	—
Transportation and material moving	12.42	—	13.73	12.03	12.21	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.82	7.31	—	9.44	9.67	—
Service	8.68	5.27	9.51	7.83	7.95	—
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	3.6	9.1	5.6	4.0	3.4	22.3
All excluding sales	3.6	9.4	5.7	4.0	3.4	23.8
White collar	4.2	12.9	5.5	4.3	4.2	25.7
White-collar excluding sales	4.3	11.0	6.4	4.3	4.2	—
Professional specialty and technical	4.1	7.8	—	4.1	3.9	—
Professional specialty	4.4	7.2	—	4.3	4.1	—
Technical	6.5	—	—	6.3	6.3	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	6.9	—	—	6.9	6.8	—
Sales	9.0	—	—	10.1	12.7	11.0
Administrative support, including clerical	3.4	8.3	—	3.3	3.3	—
Blue collar	4.2	9.7	6.2	5.0	3.9	23.5
Precision production, craft, and repair	4.9	—	6.0	6.0	4.5	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	7.1	—	4.9	9.0	5.3	—
Transportation and material moving	4.5	—	4.1	4.7	4.1	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.0	9.0	—	8.7	7.9	—
Service	5.9	7.1	14.3	5.5	5.2	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

⁶ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 5-2. **Major industry division: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers									
	All private industries	Goods-producing industries ³				Service-producing industries ⁴				
		Total	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Total	Transportation and public utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Services
		Mean								
All occupations	\$14.91	\$18.60	—	\$16.13	\$16.87	—	\$18.34	—	—	—
All excluding sales	15.11	18.60	—	16.13	16.87	—	18.32	—	—	—
White collar	18.59	25.04	\$35.88	—	21.47	—	22.85	—	—	—
White-collar excluding sales	19.67	25.04	35.88	—	21.47	—	23.18	—	—	—
Professional specialty and technical	24.02	30.62	—	—	26.17	—	—	—	—	—
Professional specialty	27.54	34.30	—	—	30.22	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	17.18	22.81	—	—	22.64	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	28.99	32.15	—	—	27.89	—	—	—	—	—
Sales	11.34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.60	14.33	19.62	—	13.09	—	14.93	—	—	—
Blue collar	14.38	15.47	—	16.17	14.86	—	14.45	—	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.54	18.51	—	17.43	18.21	—	19.59	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.52	12.36	—	—	12.05	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	12.42	14.21	—	—	14.10	—	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.92	9.14	—	9.77	8.95	—	—	—	—	—
Service	7.18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Relative error ⁵ (percent)								
All occupations	5.0	7.4	—	3.9	6.9	—	14.1	—	—	—
All excluding sales	5.1	7.4	—	3.9	6.9	—	14.5	—	—	—
White collar	6.3	9.8	6.9	—	7.3	—	8.5	—	—	—
White-collar excluding sales	6.4	9.8	6.9	—	7.3	—	10.2	—	—	—
Professional specialty and technical	6.4	7.1	—	—	7.6	—	—	—	—	—
Professional specialty	6.8	3.6	—	—	4.7	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	8.6	13.8	—	—	14.4	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	8.8	12.9	—	—	6.7	—	—	—	—	—
Sales	10.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	4.1	8.5	6.6	—	10.0	—	6.5	—	—	—
Blue collar	4.7	5.9	—	3.6	7.0	—	13.3	—	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	5.3	5.6	—	4.4	7.3	—	9.0	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	7.5	7.4	—	—	7.6	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	4.9	7.1	—	—	7.2	—	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.0	8.6	—	8.3	10.8	—	—	—	—	—
Service	7.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

³ Goods-producing industries include mining, construction, and manufacturing.

⁴ Service-producing industries include transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

⁵ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 5-3. **Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
	Mean				
All occupations	\$14.91	\$10.44	\$15.54	\$13.94	\$18.48
All excluding sales	15.11	10.53	15.79	14.18	18.50
White collar	18.59	12.48	19.08	17.03	21.10
White-collar excluding sales	19.67	12.99	20.26	19.03	21.14
Professional specialty and technical	24.02	—	24.31	23.71	24.61
Professional specialty	27.54	—	28.26	27.22	28.65
Technical	17.18	—	17.18	19.91	14.96
Executive, administrative, and managerial	28.99	19.63	29.78	26.76	32.47
Sales	11.34	—	11.58	11.58	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.60	9.03	11.93	12.36	11.54
Blue collar	14.38	12.27	14.75	14.22	16.94
Precision production, craft, and repair	18.54	15.19	19.16	19.17	19.14
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	12.52	—	13.76	13.27	16.18
Transportation and material moving	12.42	—	11.88	11.73	12.82
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.92	8.43	10.21	9.91	12.59
Service	7.18	5.00	7.67	7.04	9.08
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)				
All occupations	5.0	10.0	5.3	7.0	7.8
All excluding sales	5.1	9.9	5.4	7.2	7.8
White collar	6.3	12.4	6.5	8.5	9.3
White-collar excluding sales	6.4	12.4	6.4	8.8	9.3
Professional specialty and technical	6.4	—	6.4	9.4	9.5
Professional specialty	6.8	—	6.5	10.0	8.4
Technical	8.6	—	8.6	13.3	8.1
Executive, administrative, and managerial	8.8	17.9	9.0	12.3	12.7
Sales	10.1	—	10.0	10.1	—
Administrative support, including clerical	4.1	6.6	4.2	6.3	6.0
Blue collar	4.7	11.0	4.9	6.0	7.7
Precision production, craft, and repair	5.3	9.3	5.5	7.2	8.0
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	7.5	—	5.2	6.2	5.8
Transportation and material moving	4.9	—	3.4	3.4	6.4
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.0	13.1	9.5	11.2	16.3
Service	7.1	13.9	8.0	10.2	6.6

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

³ Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain

establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 6-1. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$6.50	\$8.61	\$12.50	\$18.82	\$25.95
All excluding sales	6.50	8.64	12.65	19.13	26.43
White collar	7.93	10.41	15.23	23.65	31.60
White collar excluding sales	8.48	10.75	16.20	24.22	32.22
Professional specialty and technical	12.04	14.40	20.44	25.95	35.39
Professional specialty	12.56	17.86	23.65	28.00	39.67
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	20.96	27.38	33.31	37.64	41.39
Engineers, n.e.c.	22.50	26.90	35.39	35.39	42.88
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	11.79	11.79	26.27	35.73	44.47
Health related	16.24	18.00	20.44	23.65	25.95
Registered nurses	17.50	18.27	20.44	23.59	24.22
Teachers, college and university	17.44	21.33	28.09	41.69	48.07
Teachers, except college and university	13.97	23.02	25.04	25.87	26.90
Elementary school teachers	23.68	24.52	25.29	26.15	26.57
Secondary school teachers	25.11	25.11	25.49	26.43	28.57
Teachers, special education	13.97	13.97	22.85	23.77	23.82
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	11.22	12.04	12.24	12.56	12.87
Social workers	11.26	12.04	12.25	12.56	12.87
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	15.32	17.04	17.88	20.56	27.31
Technical	9.67	12.34	13.89	17.52	22.42
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	8.36	9.67	12.51	18.19	19.65
Radiological technicians	15.62	16.37	17.32	18.18	18.25
Licensed practical nurses	11.79	11.81	13.01	13.89	14.99
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	8.71	10.24	13.75	17.37	17.50
Executive, administrative, and managerial	14.10	17.64	26.05	32.22	45.77
Executives, administrators, and managers	15.23	18.61	27.40	32.22	49.77
Administrators and officials, public administration	24.01	27.09	31.11	49.77	49.77
Administrators, education and related fields	18.61	28.15	28.69	36.35	36.35
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	25.04	27.88	28.64	48.71	66.39
Management related	14.02	16.75	23.17	31.60	45.77
Accountants and auditors	14.10	21.50	28.57	31.60	31.60
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	12.80	12.80	16.67	26.94	36.97
Management related, n.e.c.	17.54	21.78	32.54	45.77	45.77
Sales	5.75	7.39	11.48	12.50	18.92
Cashiers	5.75	5.75	7.07	7.55	8.25
Administrative support, including clerical	7.05	8.52	10.15	12.63	17.56
Supervisors, general office	10.40	10.40	18.78	18.99	19.40
Secretaries	9.31	9.89	12.00	14.07	16.75
Receptionists	6.00	6.50	7.54	9.14	10.60
Records clerks, n.e.c.	7.01	7.05	7.63	12.58	17.18
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	8.60	9.75	10.25	11.22	18.00
Billing clerks	7.75	7.75	9.91	10.20	11.42
Stock and inventory clerks	6.60	7.81	9.00	10.15	11.00
General office clerks	6.86	8.12	9.06	10.26	16.40
Administrative support, n.e.c.	8.52	9.78	11.69	11.69	12.07
Blue collar	7.33	9.67	13.09	16.34	22.13
Precision production, craft, and repair	11.01	13.21	15.43	20.60	25.74
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	11.52	11.52	26.46	45.66	45.66
Automobile mechanics	10.28	11.04	16.46	16.46	16.46
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	11.01	11.91	14.35	16.28	24.70
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	15.21	19.13	19.13	28.75	28.75
Electricians	13.84	13.87	14.60	15.75	20.39
Supervisors, production	17.14	19.53	22.73	33.74	34.39
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	8.16	8.16	10.03	14.79	18.09
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	7.06	9.00	12.74	14.91	17.46
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	9.00	10.80	12.74	14.01	15.37

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-1. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Blue collar —Continued					
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors					
—Continued					
Welders and cutters	\$13.45	\$13.45	\$15.00	\$15.78	\$17.46
Transportation and material moving	8.27	9.67	11.38	14.12	18.06
Truck drivers	8.64	8.64	9.80	10.85	23.13
Bus drivers	10.38	11.76	14.92	14.92	16.41
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	8.27	10.99	12.80	12.80	14.97
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.30	6.75	9.08	11.86	14.10
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.33	7.94
Helpers, construction trades	7.65	8.00	8.05	9.15	10.46
Construction laborers	6.38	6.38	8.74	9.07	9.07
Stock handlers and baggers	6.19	6.30	9.88	9.88	20.05
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	5.65	5.65	7.83	14.05	21.50
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	6.54	7.56	11.86	14.10	14.10
Service	5.15	5.90	6.81	9.00	11.82
Protective service	6.50	8.20	9.54	12.47	15.00
Supervisors, police and detectives	15.31	16.59	16.91	16.91	16.91
Firefighting	6.84	8.43	9.25	10.81	20.09
Police and detectives, public service	11.11	11.55	12.47	14.02	14.62
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement					
officers	6.50	6.50	7.98	14.65	15.00
Correctional institution officers	7.44	7.57	7.57	11.65	11.82
Guards and police, except public service	6.03	7.60	8.29	9.08	9.18
Food service	2.52	4.87	5.58	6.81	9.25
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	2.13	2.37	3.26	5.58	6.48
Waiters and waitresses	2.13	2.13	2.37	3.94	5.83
Other food service	5.15	5.16	6.50	8.50	10.04
Cooks	6.16	6.50	9.00	9.25	10.34
Food preparation, n.e.c.	5.16	5.16	6.30	7.88	9.25
Health service	5.90	5.90	8.04	8.80	9.00
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	5.90	5.90	7.74	8.16	8.48
Cleaning and building service	5.92	5.92	5.98	7.29	9.14
Janitors and cleaners	5.32	5.97	7.01	8.33	9.13
Personal service	5.34	5.69	6.50	7.95	21.01
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	5.69	5.69	6.74	6.74	10.90

¹ Percentiles are calculated from average hourly wages for sampled establishment jobs within each occupation. The percentiles describe the distribution of an occupation's employment by the average wage rates for its jobs. For example, at the 10th percentile hourly wage for an occupation, one-tenth of the occupation's employment are found in sampled establishment jobs whose average wages are the same or less, and nine-tenths are in jobs averaging the same or more. The calculations of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays,

nonproduction bonuses, and tips.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 6-2. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001

Occupation ³	Private industry				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$6.15	\$8.29	\$12.52	\$18.19	\$26.46
All excluding sales	6.16	8.39	12.75	18.62	27.19
White collar	7.81	10.60	14.32	23.61	35.39
White collar excluding sales	8.69	10.76	16.37	25.04	36.05
Professional specialty and technical	12.58	15.62	20.88	29.56	41.39
Professional specialty	13.97	17.99	25.56	35.39	44.47
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	22.50	27.42	33.31	37.64	41.39
Engineers, n.e.c.	22.50	26.90	35.39	35.39	42.88
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	11.79	11.79	26.27	35.73	44.47
Health related	15.42	17.50	18.62	23.65	24.22
Registered nurses	16.41	17.86	19.25	23.65	24.22
Teachers, college and university	32.40	37.07	42.54	48.07	57.14
Teachers, except college and university	—	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	11.79	13.01	16.37	18.25	25.61
Licensed practical nurses	11.79	12.99	13.01	14.08	14.99
Executive, administrative, and managerial	14.02	17.85	27.40	31.60	48.71
Executives, administrators, and managers	15.01	17.64	28.64	32.83	54.57
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	25.04	27.88	28.85	48.71	66.39
Management related	13.80	18.08	23.19	31.60	45.77
Accountants and auditors	21.50	23.19	28.57	31.60	31.60
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	12.80	12.80	14.02	22.06	26.94
Management related, n.e.c.	17.54	21.78	45.77	45.77	45.77
Sales	5.75	7.25	11.48	12.50	18.92
Cashiers	5.75	5.75	7.07	7.39	8.25
Administrative support, including clerical	7.23	8.75	10.60	12.88	18.77
Secretaries	10.01	10.93	13.37	14.55	20.26
Receptionists	6.00	6.00	6.50	10.25	10.60
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	9.14	9.75	10.76	12.71	18.00
General office clerks	7.68	8.81	9.06	14.17	19.19
Blue collar	7.52	9.67	13.44	16.58	23.13
Precision production, craft, and repair	11.91	14.35	16.46	22.36	25.81
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	22.75	23.28	35.96	45.66	45.66
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	11.21	13.44	14.35	17.03	24.70
Electricians	13.84	14.60	14.60	15.75	20.39
Supervisors, production	17.14	21.41	22.73	33.74	34.39
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	7.06	9.00	13.15	15.00	17.46
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	9.00	10.80	12.74	14.01	15.37
Welders and cutters	13.45	13.45	15.00	15.78	17.46
Transportation and material moving	8.64	9.67	11.38	13.86	19.75
Truck drivers	8.64	8.64	9.80	11.38	23.13
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	10.00	10.99	12.80	12.80	14.97
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.50	7.00	9.50	11.86	14.10
Stock handlers and baggers	6.19	6.30	9.88	9.88	20.05
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	6.54	7.56	11.86	14.10	14.10
Service	3.60	5.58	6.30	7.95	10.38
Protective service	6.20	7.60	8.61	11.50	14.00
Guards and police, except public service	6.03	6.20	8.20	8.29	10.38
Food service	2.37	4.40	5.16	6.78	8.50
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	2.13	2.37	3.26	5.58	6.48
Waiters and waitresses	2.13	2.13	2.37	3.94	5.83
Other food service	5.15	5.16	6.50	7.88	9.02

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-2. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	Private industry				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Service —Continued					
Food service —Continued					
Other food service —Continued					
Cooks	\$6.16	\$6.50	\$7.35	\$9.02	\$10.04
Food preparation, n.e.c.	5.16	5.16	6.00	7.88	8.50
Health service	5.90	5.90	5.90	9.00	9.00
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	5.90	5.90	5.90	8.04	9.00
Cleaning and building service	5.92	5.92	5.97	6.85	9.83
Janitors and cleaners	5.97	5.97	6.55	7.29	8.33
Personal service	4.59	6.50	6.54	7.95	21.01

¹ Percentiles are calculated from average hourly wages for sampled establishment jobs within each occupation. The percentiles describe the distribution of an occupation's employment by the average wage rates for its jobs. For example, at the 10th percentile hourly wage for an occupation, one-tenth of the occupation's employment are found in sampled establishment jobs whose average wages are the same or less, and nine-tenths are in jobs averaging the same or more. The calculations of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays,

nonproduction bonuses, and tips.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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Table 6-3. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001

Occupation ³	State and local government				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$7.29	\$9.02	\$12.47	\$20.11	\$25.76
All excluding sales	7.29	9.08	12.47	20.11	25.76
White collar	7.93	10.40	15.86	23.69	28.09
White collar excluding sales	7.93	10.40	15.92	23.69	28.09
Professional specialty and technical	11.81	13.75	20.44	24.55	28.00
Professional specialty	12.25	17.83	23.02	25.29	28.09
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	—	—	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	19.42	20.33	20.44	24.21	28.00
Registered nurses	19.42	20.33	20.44	23.59	24.21
Teachers, college and university	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	22.79	23.82	25.22	26.15	28.24
Elementary school teachers	23.68	24.52	25.29	26.15	26.57
Secondary school teachers	25.11	25.11	25.49	26.43	28.57
Teachers, special education	21.20	22.85	23.02	23.82	23.82
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	10.65	12.04	12.24	12.56	12.56
Social workers	11.26	12.04	12.24	12.56	12.87
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	8.64	10.41	13.18	15.44	18.18
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	10.24	10.24	13.75	13.75	15.44
Executive, administrative, and managerial	14.10	16.20	24.49	32.22	36.97
Executives, administrators, and managers	15.23	20.40	27.09	32.22	49.77
Administrators and officials, public administration	17.68	27.09	27.09	49.77	49.77
Management related	14.10	14.10	16.20	32.54	33.87
Sales	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	6.72	7.75	9.44	11.42	15.81
Secretaries	9.31	9.55	9.89	13.46	13.81
General office clerks	6.86	8.12	8.53	10.26	10.26
Administrative support, n.e.c.	8.52	8.52	9.78	11.42	12.07
Blue collar	6.38	9.02	11.49	13.87	16.12
Precision production, craft, and repair	10.28	11.01	12.43	14.72	17.86
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	10.82	11.01	12.43	14.43	14.43
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	8.16	8.16	10.03	14.79	18.09
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	8.27	10.37	10.85	16.12	16.41
Bus drivers	10.38	10.45	14.62	16.41	18.06
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	5.65	6.30	7.41	9.15	13.42
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	6.87	7.33	7.33	7.90	9.02
Service	6.17	7.74	8.93	11.43	14.62
Protective service	6.84	8.93	10.81	12.81	15.00
Supervisors, police and detectives	15.31	16.59	16.91	16.91	16.91
Firefighting	6.84	8.43	9.25	10.81	10.81
Police and detectives, public service	11.55	11.55	12.81	14.05	14.62
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	6.50	6.50	7.98	14.65	15.00
Correctional institution officers	7.44	7.57	7.57	11.65	11.82
Food service	7.92	9.25	9.53	10.54	11.43
Other food service	7.92	9.25	9.53	10.54	11.43
Health service	6.36	7.74	8.16	8.59	8.80
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	6.36	7.74	8.12	8.16	8.48
Cleaning and building service	5.32	5.48	7.29	8.05	9.14
Janitors and cleaners	5.32	5.32	7.01	9.13	9.14

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-3. Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001 — Continued

Occupation ³	State and local government				
	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Service —Continued					
Personal service	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Percentiles are calculated from average hourly wages for sampled establishment jobs within each occupation. The percentiles describe the distribution of an occupation's employment by the average wage rates for its jobs. For example, at the 10th percentile hourly wage for an occupation, one-tenth of the occupation's employment are found in sampled establishment jobs whose average wages are the same or less, and nine-tenths are in jobs averaging the same or more. The calculations of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays,

nonproduction bonuses, and tips.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

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Table 6-4. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$6.86	\$9.08	\$12.80	\$19.33	\$26.57
All excluding sales	6.84	9.09	12.99	19.40	27.04
White collar	8.52	10.76	15.62	23.77	32.07
White collar excluding sales	8.67	10.92	16.40	24.52	32.49
Professional specialty and technical	12.04	14.08	20.44	26.15	35.39
Professional specialty	12.56	17.86	23.65	28.00	41.39
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	20.96	27.38	33.31	37.64	41.39
Engineers, n.e.c.	22.50	26.90	35.39	35.39	42.88
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	11.79	11.79	26.27	35.73	44.47
Health related	16.05	17.99	20.44	23.59	25.95
Registered nurses	16.41	18.27	20.44	23.59	24.21
Teachers, college and university	17.44	21.33	28.09	41.69	48.07
Teachers, except college and university	13.97	23.56	25.11	25.87	26.90
Elementary school teachers	23.68	24.52	25.24	25.87	26.48
Secondary school teachers	25.11	25.11	25.49	26.43	28.57
Teachers, special education	13.97	13.97	22.85	23.77	23.82
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	11.22	12.04	12.24	12.56	12.87
Social workers	11.26	12.04	12.25	12.56	12.87
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	16.23	17.88	20.08	20.56	27.31
Technical	9.67	12.34	13.89	17.75	22.42
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	8.36	9.67	12.51	18.19	19.65
Radiological technicians	15.62	16.37	17.32	18.18	18.25
Licensed practical nurses	11.79	11.81	13.01	13.89	14.99
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	8.71	10.24	13.75	17.37	17.50
Executive, administrative, and managerial	14.10	17.64	26.66	32.22	45.77
Executives, administrators, and managers	15.23	20.21	27.40	32.22	49.77
Administrators and officials, public administration	24.01	27.09	31.11	49.77	49.77
Administrators, education and related fields	18.61	28.15	28.69	36.35	36.35
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	25.04	27.88	28.64	48.71	66.39
Management related	14.02	16.75	23.17	31.60	45.77
Accountants and auditors	14.10	21.50	28.57	31.60	31.60
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	12.80	12.80	16.67	26.94	36.97
Management related, n.e.c.	17.54	21.78	32.54	45.77	45.77
Sales	7.25	8.25	11.48	13.62	19.03
Cashiers	5.75	7.07	7.39	8.24	8.25
Administrative support, including clerical	7.54	8.67	10.25	12.71	18.00
Supervisors, general office	10.40	10.40	18.78	18.99	19.40
Secretaries	9.31	9.89	12.50	14.07	16.75
Receptionists	6.00	6.50	7.65	10.25	10.60
Records clerks, n.e.c.	7.01	7.05	7.63	12.58	17.18
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	8.60	9.75	10.25	11.22	18.00
Billing clerks	7.75	7.75	9.91	10.20	11.42
Stock and inventory clerks	6.60	7.81	9.00	10.15	11.00
General office clerks	6.86	8.12	9.06	10.26	16.40
Administrative support, n.e.c.	8.52	9.78	11.69	11.69	12.07
Blue collar	7.52	9.80	13.15	16.34	22.36
Precision production, craft, and repair	11.11	13.44	15.62	20.60	25.74
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	11.52	11.52	26.46	45.66	45.66
Automobile mechanics	10.28	11.04	16.46	16.46	16.46
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	11.01	11.91	14.35	16.28	24.70
Supervisors, construction trades, n.e.c.	15.21	19.13	19.13	28.75	28.75
Electricians	13.84	13.87	14.60	15.75	20.39
Supervisors, production	17.14	19.53	22.73	33.74	34.39
Water and sewer treatment plant operators	8.16	8.16	11.46	14.79	18.09
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	7.06	9.09	13.15	15.00	17.46
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	9.00	10.80	12.74	14.01	15.37

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6-4. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ full-time workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001** — Continued

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
Blue collar —Continued					
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors					
—Continued					
Welders and cutters	\$13.45	\$13.45	\$15.00	\$15.78	\$17.46
Transportation and material moving	8.27	9.67	11.38	14.12	16.41
Truck drivers	8.64	8.64	9.80	10.85	23.13
Bus drivers	9.00	10.45	14.92	14.92	14.92
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	8.27	10.99	12.80	12.80	14.97
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.38	7.00	9.15	11.86	14.10
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.33	7.94
Helpers, construction trades	7.65	8.00	8.05	9.15	10.46
Construction laborers	6.38	6.38	8.74	9.07	9.07
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	6.54	7.56	11.86	14.10	14.10
Service	5.90	6.16	7.60	9.25	12.47
Protective service	7.60	8.30	9.82	12.47	14.65
Supervisors, police and detectives	15.31	16.59	16.91	16.91	16.91
Firefighting	6.84	8.43	9.25	10.81	20.09
Police and detectives, public service	11.11	11.55	12.47	14.02	14.62
Correctional institution officers	7.44	7.57	7.57	11.65	11.82
Guards and police, except public service	7.60	8.20	8.61	9.08	9.18
Food service	5.38	5.83	6.64	8.50	10.54
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	3.26	3.94	5.58	6.47	6.64
Other food service	6.30	6.70	7.88	9.25	11.63
Cooks	6.16	6.50	7.35	9.53	10.34
Food preparation, n.e.c.	6.70	6.78	8.50	9.25	12.33
Health service	5.90	5.90	7.74	8.48	9.00
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	5.90	5.90	7.72	8.16	8.59
Cleaning and building service	5.92	5.92	5.98	7.29	9.13
Janitors and cleaners	5.32	5.97	7.01	8.08	9.13
Personal service	4.59	6.50	6.54	8.64	21.01
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	5.87	6.55	6.74	8.64	10.90

¹ Percentiles are calculated from average hourly wages for sampled establishment jobs within each occupation. The percentiles describe the distribution of an occupation's employment by the average wage rates for its jobs. For example, at the 10th percentile hourly wage for an occupation, one-tenth of the occupation's employment are found in sampled establishment jobs whose average wages are the same or less, and nine-tenths are in jobs averaging the same or more. The calculations of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips.

² Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time

schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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Table 6-5. **Hourly wage percentiles for establishment jobs,¹ part-time workers:² Selected occupations, all industries, National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001**

Occupation ³	10	25	Median 50	75	90
All	\$2.52	\$5.16	\$6.30	\$8.75	\$17.00
All excluding sales	2.52	5.15	6.50	8.95	18.00
White collar	5.75	6.60	7.23	17.00	24.22
White collar excluding sales	6.50	7.23	8.75	20.00	24.22
Professional specialty and technical	8.22	15.32	20.00	24.22	25.00
Professional specialty	15.32	18.00	21.00	24.22	25.00
Health related	18.00	21.00	24.22	24.22	25.00
Registered nurses	18.00	21.00	24.22	24.22	25.00
Teachers, except college and university	—	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—
Technical	—	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	—	—	—	—	—
Executives, administrators, and managers	—	—	—	—	—
Management related	—	—	—	—	—
Sales	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	6.50	6.68	7.23	8.75	13.38
Blue collar	6.19	6.30	7.83	8.47	11.76
Precision production, craft, and repair	—	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation and material moving	—	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.19	6.30	6.75	7.83	7.83
Service	2.13	3.05	5.16	6.03	9.00
Protective service	5.55	5.75	6.03	6.20	15.00
Food service	2.13	2.52	5.15	5.16	7.00
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	—	—	—	—	—
Other food service	4.87	5.15	5.16	5.16	8.02
Health service	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service	—	—	—	—	—
Personal service	—	—	—	—	—

¹ Percentiles are calculated from average hourly wages for sampled establishment jobs within each occupation. The percentiles describe the distribution of an occupation's employment by the average wage rates for its jobs. For example, at the 10th percentile hourly wage for an occupation, one-tenth of the occupation's employment are found in sampled establishment jobs whose average wages are the same or less, and nine-tenths are in jobs averaging the same or more. The calculations of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles follow the same logic. Hourly wages are the straight-time wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips.

² Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time

schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

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Appendix A: Technical Note

This section provides basic information on the procedures and concepts used to produce the data contained in this bulletin. It is divided into three parts: Planning for the survey; data collection; and processing and analyzing the data. Although this section answers some questions commonly asked by data users, it is not a comprehensive description of all the steps required to produce the data.

Planning for the survey

The overall design of the survey includes questions of scope, frame, and sample selection.

Survey scope

This survey covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in goods-producing industries (mining, construction and manufacturing); service-producing industries (transportation, communications, electric, gas, and sanitary services; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services industries); and State and local governments. Agriculture, private households, and the Federal Government were excluded from the scope of the survey. For purposes of this survey, an establishment is an economic unit that produces goods or services, a central administrative office, or an auxiliary unit providing support services to a company. For private industries in this survey, the establishment is usually at a single physical location. For State and local governments, an establishment is defined as all locations of a government entity.

The New Orleans, LA, Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Tammany Parishes.

Sampling frame

The list of establishments from which the survey sample was selected (sampling frame) was developed from State unemployment insurance reports. Due to the volatility of industries within the private sector, sampling frames were developed using the most recent month of reference available at the time the sample was selected. The sampling frame was reviewed prior to the survey and, when necessary, missing establishments were added, out-of-business and out-of-scope establishments were removed, and addresses, employment levels, industry classification, and other information were updated.

Sample design

The sample for this survey area was selected using a two-stage stratified design with probability proportional to employment sampling at each stage. The first stage of sample selection was a probability sample of establishments. The sample of establishments was drawn by first stratifying the sampling frame by industry and ownership. The number of sample establishments allocated to each stratum is approximately proportional to the stratum employment. Each sampled establishment is selected within a stratum with a probability proportional to its employment. Use of this technique means that the larger an establishment's employment, the greater its chance of selection. Weights were applied to each establishment when the data were tabulated so that it represents similar units (by industry and employment size) in the economy that were not selected for collection. The second stage of sample selection, detailed below, was a probability sample of occupations within a sampled establishment.

Data collection

The collection of data from survey respondents required detailed procedures. Field economists collected the data, working out of the Regional Office and visiting each establishment surveyed. Other contact methods, such as mail and telephone, were used to follow-up and update data.

Occupational selection and classification

Identification of the occupations for which wage data were to be collected was a multistep process:

1. Probability-proportional-to-size selection of establishment jobs
2. Classification of jobs into occupations based on the Census of Population system
3. Characterization of jobs as full-time v. part-time, union v. nonunion, and time v. incentive
4. Determination of the level of work of each job

For each occupation, wage data were collected for those workers who met all the criteria identified in the last three steps. Special procedures were developed for jobs for which a correct classification or level could not be determined.

In step one, the jobs to be sampled were selected at each establishment by the BLS field economist during a personal visit. A complete list of employees was used for sampling, with each selected worker representing a job within the establishment.

As with the selection of establishments, the selection of a job was based on probability proportional to its size in the establishment. The greater the number of people working in a job in the establishment, the greater its chance of selection.

The number of jobs for which data were collected in each establishment was based on the establishment's employment size, as shown in the following schedule:

<i>Number of employees</i>	<i>Number of selected jobs</i>
50–99	8
100–249	10
250–999	12
1,000–2,499	16
2,500+	20

The second step of the process entailed classifying the selected jobs into occupations based on their duties. The National Compensation Survey occupational classification system is based on the 1990 Census of Population. A selected job may fall into any one of about 480 occupational classifications, from accountant to wood lathe operator. For cases in which a job's duties overlapped two or more census classification codes, the duties used to set the wage level were used to classify the job. Classification by primary duties was the fallback.

Each occupational classification is an element of a broader classification known as a major occupational group (MOG). Occupations can fall into any of the following MOGs:

- Professional specialty and technical
- Executive, administrative, and managerial
- Sales
- Administrative support, including clerical
- Precision production, craft, and repair
- Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors
- Transportation and material moving
- Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers
- Service occupations

Appendix B contains a complete list of all individual occupations, classified by the MOG to which they belong.

In step three, certain other job characteristics of the chosen worker were identified. First, the worker was identified as holding either a full-time or part-time job, based on the establishment's definition of those terms. Then, the worker was classified as having a time versus incentive job, depending on whether any part of pay was directly based on the actual production of the worker, rather than solely

on hours worked. Finally, the worker was identified as being in a union job or a nonunion job. See the "Definition of terms" section on the following page for more detail.

Occupational leveling

In the last step before wage data were collected, the work level of each selected job was determined using an "occupational leveling" process. Occupational leveling ranks and compares all occupations randomly selected in an establishment using the same criteria.

For this survey, the level of each occupation in an establishment was determined by an analysis of each of 10 leveling factors. Nine of these factors are drawn from the U.S. Government Office of Personnel Management's Factor Evaluation System, which is the underlying structure for evaluation of General Schedule Federal employees. The tenth factor, supervisory duties, attempts to account for the effect of supervisory duties. It is considered experimental. The 10 factors are:

- Knowledge
- Supervision received
- Guidelines
- Complexity
- Scope and effect
- Personal contacts
- Purpose of contacts
- Physical demands
- Work environment
- Supervisory duties

Each factor contains a number of levels, and each level has an associated written description and point value. The number and range of points differ among the factors. For each factor, an occupation was assigned a level based on the written description that best matched the job. Within each occupation, the points for nine factors (supervisory duties was excluded) were recorded and totaled. The total determines the overall level of the occupation. A description of the levels for each factor is shown in appendix C.

Tabulations of levels of work for occupations in the survey follow the Federal Government's white-collar General Schedule. Point ranges for each of the 15 levels are shown in appendix D. It also includes an example of a job with its associated leveling factors, and a guide to help data users evaluate jobs in their firms

Wage data collected in prior surveys using the occupational leveling method were evaluated by BLS researchers using regression techniques. For each of the major occupational groups, wages were compared to the 10 occupational leveling factors (and levels within those factors). The analysis showed that several of the occupational leveling factors, most notably knowledge and supervision received, had strong explanatory power for wages. That is, as the levels within a given factor increased, the wages also increased.

Collection period

Survey data were collected over a 13-month period for 60 metropolitan areas in the NCS program. For 20 small metropolitan areas, data were collected over a 4-month period. For each establishment in the survey, the data reflect the establishment's most recent information at the time of collection. The payroll reference month shown in the tables reflects the average date of this information for all sample units.

Earnings

Earnings were defined as regular payments from the employer to the employee as compensation for straight-time hourly work, or for any salaried work performed. The following components were included as part of earnings:

- Incentive pay, including commissions, production bonuses, and piece rates
- Cost-of-living allowances
- Hazard pay
- Payments of income deferred due to participation in a salary reduction plan
- Deadhead pay, defined as pay given to transportation workers returning in a vehicle without freight or passengers

The following forms of payments were *not* considered part of straight-time earnings:

- Shift differentials, defined as extra payment for working a schedule that varies from the norm, such as night or weekend work
- Premium pay for overtime, holidays, and weekends
- Bonuses not directly tied to production (such as Christmas and profit-sharing bonuses)
- Uniform and tool allowances
- Free room and board
- Payments made by third parties (for example, bonuses given by manufacturers to department store salespeople, referral incentives in real estate)
- On-call pay

To calculate earnings for various periods (hourly, weekly, and annual), data on work schedules also were collected. For hourly workers, scheduled hours worked per day and per week, exclusive of overtime, were recorded. Annual weeks worked were determined. Because salaried workers, exempt from overtime provisions, often work beyond the assigned work schedule, their typical number of hours actually worked was collected.

Definition of terms

Full-time worker. Any employee that the employer considers to be full time.

Incentive worker. Any employee whose earnings are tied, at least in part, to commissions, piece rates, production bonuses, or other incentives based on production or sales.

Level. A ranking of an occupation based on the requirements of the position. (See the description in the technical note on occupational leveling through point factor analysis for more details on the leveling process.)

Nonunion worker. An employee in an occupation not meeting the conditions for union coverage. (See below.)

Part-time worker. Any employee that the employer considers to be part time.

Time-based worker. Any employee whose earnings are tied to an hourly rate or salary, and not to a specific level of production.

Union worker. Any employee is in a union occupation when all of the following conditions are met:

- A labor organization is recognized as the bargaining agent for all workers in the occupation
- Wage and salary rates are determined through collective bargaining or negotiations
- Settlement terms, which must include earnings provisions and may include benefit provisions, are embodied in a signed, mutually binding collective bargaining agreement

Processing and analyzing the data

Data were processed and analyzed at the Bureau's National Office following collection.

Weighting and nonresponse

Sample weights were calculated for each establishment and occupation in the survey. These weights reflected the relative size of the occupation within the establishment and of the establishment within the sample universe. Weights were used to aggregate data for the individual establishments or occupations into the various data series. Some of the establishments surveyed could not supply or refused to supply information. If data were not provided by a sample member, the weights of responding sample members in the same or similar "cells" were adjusted to account for the missing data. This technique assumes that the mean value of data for the nonrespondents equals the mean value of data for the respondents at some detailed "cell" level. Responding and nonresponding establishments were classified into these cells according to industry and employment size. Responding and nonresponding occupations within responding establishments were classified into cells that were additionally defined by major occupation group and job level.

Establishments that were determined to be out of business or outside the scope of the survey had their weights changed to zero. If only partial data were given by a sample establishment or occupation, or data were missing, the response was treated as a refusal.

Survey response

	<i>Establishments</i>
Total in sampling frame	1,725
Total in sample	221
Responding	128
Out of business or not in survey scope	33
Unable or refused to provide data	60

In this survey, the nonresponse rate for all industries, private industry, and State and local government exceeded regular survey standards.

Estimation

The wage series in the tables are computed by combining the wages for each sampled occupation. Before being combined, individual wage rates are weighted by: the number of workers; the sample weight, adjusted for nonresponding establishments and other factors; and the occupation's scheduled hours of work.

Not all calculated series met the criteria for publication. Before any series was published, it was reviewed to make sure that the number of observations underlying it was sufficient. This review prevented the publication of a series that could have revealed information about a specific establishment.

Estimates of the number of workers represent the total in all establishments within the scope of the study, and not the number actually surveyed. Because occupational structures among establishments differ, estimates of the number of workers obtained from the sample of establishments serve to indicate only the relative importance of the occupational groups studied.

Percentiles

The percentiles presented in tables 6-1 through 6-5 are computed using average hourly wages for sampled establishment jobs within each occupation. During this phase of the ongoing NCS development, establishments in the survey may report either individual-worker earnings or average wage rates for each sampled job. If individual-worker earnings are provided, an average hourly wage rate is computed for the job and used in the calculation of percentile estimates. The average hourly wages for each sampled job are appropriately weighted and then arrayed from lowest to highest.

The published 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles describe the distribution of an occupation's employment by the average wage rates for its jobs. For example, at the 10th percentile, 10 percent of a published occupation's employment is in sampled establishment jobs that had average hourly wages at the 10th percentile or less for that occupation.

Note that the percentiles in earlier NCS bulletins for this area (in the 3090 and 3095 bulletin series) were calculated from individual-worker earnings rather than from average wages for sampled establishment jobs. Research has shown that using average-wage data for jobs instead of individual-worker data has the effect of moving percentile estimates toward the median (50th percentile). This effect is greatest for occupations with a high degree of wage dispersion. However, medians calculated using the two methods are nearly identical.

Data reliability

The data in this bulletin are estimates from a scientifically selected probability sample. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey, sampling and nonsampling.

Sampling errors occur because observations come only from a sample and not from an entire population. The sample used for this survey is one of a number of possible samples of the same size that could have been selected using the sample design. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from each other.

A measure of the variation among these differing estimates is called the standard error or sampling error. It indicates the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average result of all possible samples. The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error divided by the estimate. RSE data are provided alongside the earnings data in the bulletin tables.

The standard error can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. As an example, suppose a table shows that mean hourly earnings for all workers were \$12.79, with a relative standard error of 3.6 percent for this estimate. At the 90-percent level, the confidence interval for the estimate is \$13.55 to \$12.03 (1.645 times 3.6 percent times \$12.79 = \$0.76, plus or minus \$12.79). If all possible samples were selected to estimate the population value, the interval from each sample would include the true population value approximately 90 percent of the time.

Nonsampling errors also affect survey results. They can stem from many sources, such as inability to obtain information for some establishments, difficulties with survey definitions, inability of the respondents to provide correct information, or mistakes in recording or coding the data obtained.

Appendix table 1. **Number of workers¹ represented by the survey, by occupational group,²**
National Compensation Survey, New Orleans, LA, March 2001

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers		
	Total	Private industry	State and local government
All occupations	233,400	162,800	70,600
All excluding sales	223,800	153,500	70,400
White collar	116,100	69,700	46,300
White-collar excluding sales	106,500	60,400	46,100
Professional specialty and technical	52,100	25,000	27,000
Professional specialty	39,800	17,500	22,400
Technical	12,200	7,600	4,700
Executive, administrative, and managerial	15,700	10,300	5,400
Sales	9,500	9,300	—
Administrative support, including clerical	38,800	25,100	13,700
Blue collar	72,300	60,900	11,500
Precision production, craft, and repair	30,800	25,300	5,400
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	9,900	9,300	—
Transportation and material moving	13,100	11,000	2,100
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	18,600	15,200	3,400
Service	45,000	32,200	12,800

¹ The number of workers represented by the survey are rounded to the nearest 100. Estimates of the number of workers provide a description of size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. Estimates are not intended, however, for comparison to other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels. Both full-time and part-time workers were included in the survey.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria.